

# WASTELINE

**Fauquier County Environmental Services** 

February, 2017

#### **Educational Programs**

Fauquier County Environmental Services offer educational programs for every age group.

#### **Recycling Center Tours**

Did you know that we offer FREE recycling center tours? Come find out where your trash and recycling goes when it leaves your home. Tours last approximately an hour. Please schedule a minimum of two weeks in advance.

### How to schedule a program for your school, church, or organization.

We understand that time constraints can make it difficult for you to visit, therefore, we can bring our Educational Staff to you. Presentations can be personalized to meet your group's needs and time allowances. If you are interested in scheduling a presentation, please contact Trish Either at trish.either@fauquiercounty.gov or 540-422-8840.

"If you want grown-ups to recycle, just tell their kids the importance of recycling, and they'll be all over it."

- Bill Nye



#### Recycling Your Kisses

Fauquier County accepts clean aluminum foil as a recyclable item. Some acceptable items include: foil pans, foil wrap, decorative tinsel, metal screw top lids, foil wrap from wine bottles, candy wrappers and some yogurt container lids. Did you know that the Hershey Corporation manufacturers 70 million Hershey

Kisses daily that are wrapped in approximately 465 square miles of aluminum foil? Do you know anyone who recycles those little pieces of aluminum foil? What is the use, right? This is a perfect example of how a little bit of recycling can add up to make a huge difference when it comes to saving landfill space, preserving natural resources, protecting our environment and creating jobs. Consider recycling just a little more each day!

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#### **Christmas Tree Recycling**

We would like to thank everyone who recycled their Christmas Trees this year. We had 225 trees that were brought in for recycling which can be chipped up and used for mulch instead of being landfilled.



## Start a Fresh February Resolution: Live More Sustainably

Most people fail to stick to their New Year's Resolution. 80 % of New Year's resolutions fail by the second week of February, according to U.S. News. If your resolution has failed, don't worry, you can start over. A great resolution is trying to live in a more sustainable manner.

Here are five easy, great ideas of how to green the rest of your 2017:

- Take recycling to the next level. Recycle as much as possible! Visit our website to see all the possibilities for recycling at <a href="http://www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/departments-a-g/environmental-services/residents/recyclables-accepted">http://www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/departments-a-g/environmental-services/residents/recyclables-accepted</a>.
- Start your own compost. Composting will create your own free fertilizer to use on your garden, plants, and at the bases of your trees.
- Keep your electronics for another year. When was the last time you heard someone say they visited the television repair shop? Products are cheaper to replace than fix. "E-waste" is a fast growing waste stream. Try to hold on to electronics longer, if you need to upgrade please consider recycling your old items.
- Shop and eat locally. Supermarkets have changed how people think about food. You can stroll through aisles and get products from all over the world any time of year. These products consume huge amounts of fossil fuel energy to get to your grocery store. Buying locally strengthens your local economy and local business giving the community character.
- Bring your own reusable bags. Cloth totes are less likely to tear under pressure. You wouldn't want to shatter your favorite wine in the parking lot. Plastic bags tend to blow, create litter, entangle wildlife and may be fatal if consumed. If you do use plastic bags, consider recycling those at our collection sites.

Having a more green, sustainable existence can be a resolution for life and can start any time.

#### **Contact Us**

Give us a call for more information about our services and products

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